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PM's movable assets rise ₹26.13 lakh in one year

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has assets worth ₹2.23 crore according to his latest disclosure

The assets are mostly in bank deposits; the PM no longer has immovable assets as he donated his share in a piece of land in GANDHINAGAR

The PM also doesn't have investment in any bond, share or mutual funds; he does not own any vehicle but has four gold rings valued at ₹1.73 lakh

According to his previous disclosure made last year, he had immovable property assets worth ₹1.1 crore as on March 31, 2021

Modi had ₹35,250 cash in hand as on March 31, 2022; his National Savings Certificates with post office were worth ₹9,05,105 and he had life insurance policies valued ₹1,89,305

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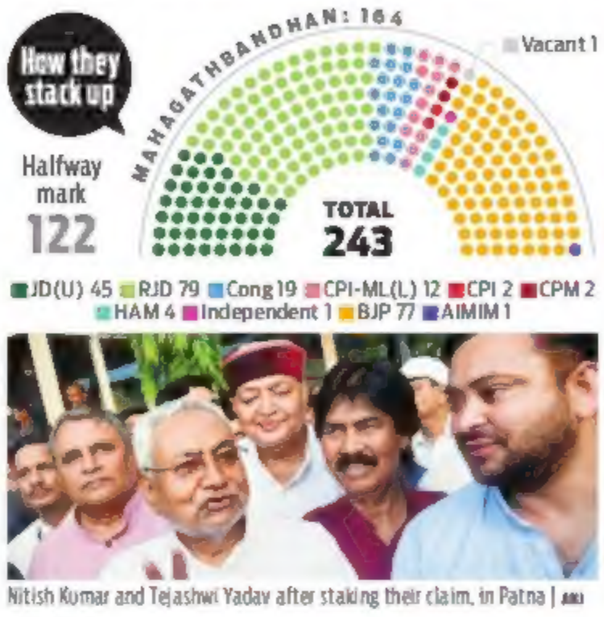
Quits as head of the NDA govt, to take oath as CM of Mahagathbandhan today

NITISH AT HIS STEALTH GAMES AGAIN


How they stack up
MAHAGATHBANDHAN: 164
Vacant 1
Halfway mark 122
TOTAL 243
JD(U) 45 RJD 79 Cong 19 CPI-ML(L) 12 CPI 2 CPM 2
HAM 4 Independent 1 BJP 77 AIMIM 1

Nitish Kumar and Tejashwi Yadav after staking their claim, in Patna | ANI

SHAHID FARIDI @ New Delhi

NITISH Kumar would be sworn in for the record eighth time as Bihar chief minister at 2 pm on Wednesday with support from a new set of allies — RJD, Congress and the Left — after he decided to snap alliance with the BJP and resign as the head of its coalition government.

During the day, Nitish met Governor Phagu Chauhan twice — first to resign as the JD(U)-BJP CM, and second to stake his claim to form the new government with the support of 164 MLAs belonging to seven parties. Nitish gave a list of supporting MLAs to the Governor, who invited him to form the new government.

After putting in his papers as CM, Nitish drove straight to former chief minister Rabri Devi's house to discuss formation of a new government with her son and RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav. Discussions were also held with leaders of the Congress and Left parties.

The decision to snap the alliance with the BJP was taken at a meeting of JD(U) MPs and MLAs at Patna. Party leaders said Nitish had received reports that the BJP was attempting to break the JD(U) MLAs to form an alternative government minus Nitish. "Our leader Nitish Kumar has nipped the BJP's 'Operation Kamal' in the bud. It was the CM's alacrity that prevented the BJP from seizing power by breaking the JD(U) legislature party," said a senior JD(U) leader.

On Monday, JD(U) president Rajiv Ranjan Singh alluded to a fresh BJP attempt to split the JD(U) through former Union minister R C P Singh.

Bihar BJP president Sanjay Jaiswal accused Nitish of betraying the 2020 mandate, and claimed that he will be "punished by the people of Bihar". Nitish's move was a reversal of his flip in 2017 when he left the Mahagathbandhan to rejoin the NDA. He had earlier deserted the NDA in 2013 after Narendra Modi was declared the prime ministerial candidate. This is the second time Nitish has left the BJP out in the cold in the last nine years.

The Bihar upheaval would have a big impact on the next Lok Sabha polls. CPI-ML(L) leader Dipankar Bhattacharya said with the new alignment in Bihar, the state, which sends 40 MPs to the Lok Sabha, would be the main battleground in the 2024 general elections. The BJP-JD(U) alliance had won 39 of them in the 2019 elections.

Bhattacharya said the BJP always had a dim view of its allies, quoting party president J P Nadda's recent statement that "regional parties have no future". Tejashwi said history shows that the BJP has destroyed all its allies. P8

It was decided at the party meeting that we quit the NDA. I have, therefore, resigned as the NDA's chief minister

Nitish Kumar, JD(U)

The BJP is getting a taste of their own medicine after what they did in Maharashtra

Sitaram Yechury, CPM

It is a lie that the BJP is trying to split the JD(U). Nitish was looking for an excuse to break ties

Sushil Modi, BJP

18 MINISTERS SWORN IN, ALL-MEN MAHA CABINET STRENGTH AT 20 P8

END GAME

Armenia, Uzbekistan, and India B on the podium at the Chess Olympiad closing ceremony at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Chennai on Tuesday. Chief Minister M K Stalin and FIDE chief Arkady Dvorkovich are also seen | B SATISH BABU

Bronze edge for India

India B settled for a bronze in Open category while India 'A' women's team finished third at the Chess Olympiad

India 'B' beat Germany 3-1 in their final round match

The women's A team lost to the US in the last round. They were with the US and Kazakhstan in overall score. The home team won through a tie-breaker

Uzbekistan won gold in Open while war-torn Ukraine were champions in the women's section | P11

D Gukesh is best performer in 1st board followed by N Abdusattorov, M Carlsen

Blow to privacy as airlines told to share int'l passengers' info

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

IN a move that flies in the face of privacy rights, the Centre has brought in a law that mandates airlines to share the details of incoming and outgoing international passengers with the Customs department 24 hours before departure. Airlines will now have to share personal details of international passengers including name, age, phone number, email address, travel itinerary as well and as sensitive information such as the credit card number used to book the ticket, frequent flyer details etc.

The finance ministry on Monday notified the Passenger Name Record (PNR) Information Regulation, 2022 seeking to curb cross-border economic crimes by preventing offenders from fleeing the country. With this, India joined 60 other countries that collect PNR details of international passengers.

Under the new regulation, aircraft operators will have to transfer the PNR details to the Customs department in a specified format. The data thus shared will be used for "the prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution of offences under the Customs Act", the finance ministry said. The information may also be shared with other departments including law enforcement agencies in India and abroad.

The new regulations will help the government curb cross-border crimes, said Tanushree Roy, director (indirect tax) at Nangia Andersen India. "The Regulations will also help keep a track record of every passenger travelling to and from India," she added.

Abhishek Jain, partner (indirect tax) at KPMG in India, said the government should ensure that strict privacy guidelines are followed so as to prevent unauthorised usage.

EU court eases rules over privacy concerns

Airlines in EU are supposed to share PNR data with member countries. However, a recent court order relaxed the rules citing privacy concerns

EXPRESS READ

Class 2 girl washed away in stream, govt apathy blamed

UDUPI: Government apathy is being blamed for the disappearance of a Class 2 girl, Sannidhi, who was washed away in a stream while crossing a footbridge at Beemakki village in Udupi district. Despite the government sanctioning Rs 11 lakh for the construction of the footbridge eight months ago, the work has not yet started | P5

2 rescued moments before their car is swept away in water

CHIKKAMAGALURU: Two people, who were trapped inside a car, were miraculously rescued by some youngsters in the nick of time at a village near Sakharayapatna in Chikkamagaluru district on Tuesday. The two were pulled out moments before their car was swept away in an overflowing stream | P5

85% of Indian kids cyber-bullied, says report

BENGALURU: A report by cybersecurity firm McAfee shows that 85 per cent of Indian children are victims of cyber-bullying, which is the highest in the world. Indian children reported cyber-bullying up to 1.5 times more than children abroad, across 14 surveyed platforms, ranging from Facebook and Instagram to Snapchat and WhatsApp | P2

NATIONWIDE	AUG 8	AUG 9
Fresh cases	16,167	12,751
Recoveries	15,549	16,412
Deaths	41	47

KARNATAKA	AUG 8	AUG 9
Fresh cases	1,019	1,608
Recoveries	1,662	2,068
Deaths	3	2

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